

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Replace paragraph [0158] with:

As to the transformation rules, the one shown in FIG. 18 is also applicable. In FIG. 18, rules are managed under the headings "Original Pattern," "Transform-to as Required," and "Jaggy Elimination Only." "Original Pattern" shows dot patterns before transformation. "Transform-to as Required" shows dot patterns after transformation, i.e., dot patterns to which the original patterns are to be transformed. Contrary to it, "Jaggy Elimination Only" shows data whose jaggies were eliminated from the original dot patterns as set forth in the first and other embodiments, without applying the transformation rules. It should be noted that the transformation rules in FIG. 18 ~~is-are~~ applicable to the second embodiment.